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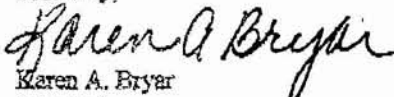
Dear WXRT,

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking an interest in our Blair "Stars". I would like to share with you the aspects that make Blair an extraordinary Chicago Public School. We provide educational and specialized services to meet the unique needs of children from three to seven years of age. The majority of our students have multiple disabilities. These disabilities include developmental delays, physical impairments, autism, speech/language impairments, traumatic brain injuries, visual impairments, hearing impairments, other health impairments, and severe and profound cognitive impairments. Most of our 150 children (100 confined to wheelchairs /requires assistance for walking) will require special education services, accommodations and continuous therapy throughout their lives.

Your community connection with Half Price Books/Half Pint Library is the reason why we have a brand new Literacy Center. Gaining the Half Pint Library has helped to allow our students to have increased academic and therapeutic services which are so imperative especially in their early years. We are striving to teach our children to be independent and build their self esteem. In our children's early years Blair provides a loving and safe educational community which allows students with disabilities to learn, communicate, socialize, and walk. Most importantly we aim to develop independence, a positive self image and ultimately prepare our students to transition to an inclusive school setting.

Katie Funkey, the Director of Sponsorships and PJ Lewis, the National Sales Manager from WXRT are the reason why we even heard about the Half Price Books/Half Pint Library. We couldn't have asked for more genuine and caring people to support us in carrying out our school's mission to have a Literacy Center. Katie and PJ even took time out of their busy schedule to join us for our Literacy Center dedication which took place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. We can't thank them enough for being such a quality community partner and connecting us with Half Price Books/Half Pint Library. We also look forward to continuing our fond partnership with the people from Chicago's Finest Rock 93WXRT. Our parents, families, and friends of Blair are so appreciative to WXRT and the fine people who work at the station.

Sincerely,

  
Karen A. Bryar  
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